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**NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.**

Reciprocity Halts at Washington and a Long Adjournment Looked For.

Short Session of Parliament Suggested—Insurance Agent Sentenced to Three Years.

Guarantee Bonds for Customs Officers With Premiums Deducted From Salaries.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The report from Washington that there is a possibility of the "high jointers" adjourning until March does not astonish any one here. According to private advices from the United States capital, very little progress has been made, especially in regard to reciprocity. Should an adjournment take place until after congress finishes its work on March 4, it is said in official circles here that parliament will be immediately called together and an effort made to conclude the business within two months as was done when Sir John Thompson went to Paris in 1893. It is said that the government have very little legislation to propose and will be glad to escape the estimates. The Conservative leaders, however, are not likely to consent to any arrangement to facilitate business except on the positive pledge being given that another session will be held before dissolution takes place.

John Niblock, local agent of the London Life Assurance Co., was to-day sentenced to three years' imprisonment for forging claims against the company for \$2,500.

Lord Minto pays his first visit to Toronto on Wednesday.

The customs department completed arrangements to put its officers under guarantee bonds. The premiums will be deducted from the salaries by the department and paid direct to the companies.

Thirty printers at the government bureau were laid off to-day, owing to the delay of the government departments in preparing the annual reports.

It is reported that Connolly Bros. are the successful tenderers for the new I. C. R. deep water wharf at St. John, N. B. Their tender is approximately \$300,000.

**NOVELIST BLACK'S DEATH.**

Due to Inflammation of the Brain—His Family Well Provided For.

London, Dec. 12.—Inflammation of the brain was the immediate cause of the death of the novelist, William Black, on Saturday. Three weeks ago, when serious symptoms set in, he began to suffer, and continued in agony until Wednesday, when he fell into a state of coma. He had been subjected to nervous attacks for a long time. The novelist leaves a widow, a son and two daughters. All the family are well provided for. Black made a large income out of his many novels.

**GERMANY IN SAMOA.**

Report of Intended Acquisition Only a Diplomatic Feeler.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The United States government is not aware that any arrangement has been made to transfer the title of the Samoan islands to Germany. Being one of the parties to the tripartite agreement under which the islands are now governed, it is not conceivable that any change in the status would be proposed without the knowledge of the United States. The publication of the story that Germany had acquired sole rights in the Samoan group is recognized as a diplomatic feeler.

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Waterloo (Camp McKinnay) ..... 01 1/2  
Golden Cache ..... 01 1/2  
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Pumder ..... 01 1/2  
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Evening Star ..... 01 1/2  
Georgia ..... 01 1/2  
Grand Prize ..... 01 1/2  
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Iron Horse ..... 01 1/2  
Iron Mask ..... 01 1/2  
Jumbo ..... 01 1/2  
Monte Christo ..... 01 1/2  
Nest Egg-Fire Fly ..... 01 1/2  
Rosedale Red Mountain ..... 01 1/2  
Silver Bell (old stock) ..... 01 1/2  
Shawn Redbreast ..... 01 1/2  
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**FOREIGNERS IN EGYPT.**  
Proposal That Their Scheme of Administering Justice Be Continued Another Year.

Cairo, Dec. 12.—The Egyptian government is about to send a circular to the powers, proposing that the term of the mixed tribunals, which ends on February 1, be prolonged for a year. The mixed tribunals were instituted in 1887, to deal with civil actions between persons of different nationalities, and with crimes committed by foreigners.

**BRYAN AND FREE SILVER.**  
Democratic Party Can Think No Better Cry For the Next Appeal.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Washington correspondent of the Journal has made a poll of the Democratic senators and representatives in Congress as to who is to be the Democratic leader and what will be the policy in 1900.

One hundred and eight representatives were interviewed, 99 of whom were in favor of Bryan and the currency question. Of the senators spoken to, 23 were for the old leader and old issues until new ones develop.

**BIG CHEQUE MISSING.**  
Letter Covering One Thousand Dollars Astray Between Nelson and Winnipeg.

Molson's Bank Changes in Prospect—Farmer Suicides by Gopher Poison.

Special to the Colonist.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—A letter containing a marked check for \$1,000 on the Bank of Montreal has disappeared between this city and Nelson, B. C. The letter was mailed by John A. Turner, president of the board of trade of Nelson, to his brother, Mr. P. B. C. Turner, music dealer, Winnipeg.

John W. Nelson, son of the late Joseph Nelson, of England and Ottawa, and lately farming near Whitewood, committed suicide on Sunday by taking gopher poison. The deceased was aged 50 years.

A lumberman named Simpson was killed by a falling tree at Kelly's lumber camp near Rat Portage to-day.

Sigurdsson Bros. store and contents at Hanusa were completely destroyed by fire on Friday morning. Loss about \$5,000; insurance, \$1,700.

A man named Andrew Walsh, from Fairmont, Antigonish county, N. S., dropped dead in Mrs. Sharpe's boarding house at Rat Portage yesterday morning.

An attempt was made last evening to rob the safe of a North End hotel. An employee heard the clicking of the combination, but the would-be robber shifted his quarters before he could be detected in the act of tampering with the safe. The person suspected is well known to the police.

It is reported that important changes will be made in Molson's Bank here in a few days.

D. C. Fraser, M. P. for Gaysboro, is a guest at the Manitoba. Mr. Fraser has been on a private business trip to Skagway, and is now en route East. He addressed a meeting of the Liberal Association here to-night.

**BLOODSHED IN PHILIPPINES.**  
Spaniards and Insurgents Still at War—Heavy Losses on Both Sides.

Manila, Dec. 11.—According to reliable advices received from Iloilo, capital of the island of Panaya, Viscayas group, the insurgents attacked Iloilo on the night of December 1 and captured all the Spanish trenches except one. They then notified Gen. Rios to remove the women and children, and threatened to renew the attack on the following night. When these advices left Iloilo, Gen. Rios was expecting reinforcements and field guns, and the plan was for the Spanish gunboats to shell the insurgents effected an entrance. The foreign residents were greatly alarmed, and all the merchantmen have been ordered outside the harbor. Meanwhile the Spanish authorities have been advised that the Talisnans troops are looting, in disobedience of orders, and cannot be restrained.

On the other hand, the Spanish transport Isla de Luzon reports that the insurgents around Iloilo were repulsed with great slaughter December 6, while attempting to storm the last entrenchments. According to this story, 500 insurgents were killed or wounded by the machine guns.

M. Louis Menard has given an account before the Paris Academy of Political and Moral Sciences of 45 manuscripts, some of which were discovered by him in an old manorhouse, while others had escaped notice in public libraries or archives. They all relate to the education of Louis XIV, and his descendants, and show the pains which were taken to prepare them for their high duties.

**SNUB JUSTIN M'CARTHY**

Irishmen in Atlanta Resent His Favoring an Anglo-American Alliance.

A Good Thing for the World and for Irish Home Rule, Argued the Lecturer.

His Countrymen Say It Would Help Their Enemy—They Cancel a Banquet.

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 12.—Justin McCarthy, who is in America lecturing in the interest of Ireland, and who spoke in Atlanta on "The Victorian Age of Literature," has been snubbed and criticized by Atlanta Irishmen because of his views favoring an Anglo-American alliance, expressed in his lecture on Saturday night, when he declared himself in favor of such an alliance. To-day many leading Irishmen of this city are severely criticizing the visitor. It was proposed to honor Mr. McCarthy at a banquet in Atlanta, but Irishmen put on the committee of arrangements have refused to serve, giving as a reason that no true friend of Ireland can favor an English alliance with the United States. The banquet and other entertainments have accordingly been called off. The incident has stirred the Atlanta Irish colony to the greatest pitch.

Mr. McCarthy addressed an immense audience at the Grand opera house, where his utterances were enthusiastically received by Americans, but coldly listened to by many Irish people in the house. Among other things he said: "I am an advocate of a close friendship and an understanding between the two great English-speaking countries of the world. I believe that it would be a good thing for the world. The people of England are friendly toward the United States. Even the war of the American revolution was a war of a ministry, and not of a people against the colonies. The Earl of Chatham and his associates represented the feelings of England at that time, and it was the stubbornness and madness of the King and his closest advisers who led England into war with her colonies. If the two countries form an alliance, they will shape the destinies of the world. The influence of American free institutions will be felt in England, and will aid home rule for Ireland."

It is this language to which the Atlanta Irish object. James Gillespie, who is among those who refused to serve on the banquet committee, said: "It is true that I was one of the committee to entertain Mr. McCarthy. On account of his views on the proposed English-American alliance, the committee decline to act. The Irishmen of this country are a unit against the much-talked-of alliance. They see that England is on her knees begging for an alliance, and it has always been the motto of patriotic sons of Ireland that England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity. The hope of all Irishmen is to see America steer clear of alliances with England."

**ORANGE MASTERS.**  
Vancouver Lodges Make Their Selections for the Coming Year.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—The Orange lodges have elected W. M.'s for 1899 as follows: No. 1589, Bro. Davis; No. 1050, Bro. Fawcett; No. 1015, Bro. T. Cunningham.

**KETTLE RIVER SCHEME.**  
Question Whether Jim Hill Has Acquired the Corbin Interests.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—(Special)—D. J. Munn, formerly president of the Kaslo & Slocan railway, who was here on Saturday en route for Europe, states that he does not believe Jim Hill has purchased the Corbin rights in the Kettle River Valley railway project. It was said here the other day that Hill had assured the Canadian Pacific that he has absolutely nothing to do with the hunt for a charter in Ottawa.

**THE WHEELMEN'S REWARD.**  
Division of the Purse for the Six Day Agony in New York.

New York, Dec. 12.—The successful riders in last week's bicycle race were paid off to-day. Miller, the winner of the race, received \$1,700, being \$1,500 as first prize and \$200 extra for beating the record. The other winners were: Waller, 2nd, \$1,000; Pierce, 3rd, \$600; Albert, 4th, \$400; Ginn, 5th, \$300; Lawson, 6th, \$200; Aronson, 7th, \$150; Nawn, 8th, \$125. Each of the other riders received \$50.

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## THE TRADE OF THE NORTH.

Victoria desires its share of the trade of the Northern country and is getting a great deal of it. There will be more trade to be done next year and Victoria ought to have a still larger share of it. How can it be got? We may learn lessons on this head from the experience of Seattle. Seattle merchants advertised and still advertise largely. Victoria merchants are, by comparison, moderate advertisers. Some may ask what good an advertisement in a local paper will do; but the same criticism applies to advertisements in the Seattle papers. While these have a larger circulation in the state of Washington than the Colonist has in British Columbia, they have no greater circulation abroad. It is a rule that men who advertise for business get it. Thousands of people visit Victoria and see Victoria papers here and elsewhere, who have no idea whatever of going North; nevertheless the fact that they see advertisements of local establishments setting out the advantages of buying goods here spreads abroad the knowledge of the commercial facilities of the city. The importance of Victoria as a commercial centre is not very well understood outside of this province. It is a mistake to suppose that every one knows as much about our city as they ought to. Perhaps it is an error, but in these days of very extensive and sensational advertising, the opinion of the general public as to the development of trade in any place is due largely to the manner in which merchants use the columns of the newspapers to make the advantages of doing business with them known. If a merchant or a city would keep pace with an advertising generation, the only way to do it is by advertising.

Another point ought to be mentioned. The transportation companies can do much to develop the Northern trade by so arranging their freight tariffs as to make it an object to shippers to select Victoria as a starting point. We are not suggesting that a freight-rate war should be inaugurated; but it is a less distance from Victoria to points North than from Seattle, and the freight rate quoted should make this fact fully manifest. The Colonist has no right to tell transportation companies what rate they ought to charge, any more than transportation companies have to dictate to the Colonist what it shall charge for its advertising space; but the whole subject of the northern trade is of the widest possible interest and therefore public reference to every phase of it is allowable.

In like manner it is not the place of a newspaper to tell a merchant what he shall charge for his goods; but it is its right to point out in a general way that the next season is going to be one of very keen competition and therefore that small margins of profits must be the rule in any place, where the merchants hope to secure a large share of the business. It is right to tell the mercantile and transportation concerns what are the arguments which are employed against them. These are that Victoria only affords a very limited market in which to make a selection, that freight rates are cheaper from other points and that prices are higher here than elsewhere. The Colonist knows that there is not the least foundation in fact for these allegations. Only a few days ago a gentleman, who has been in the Yukon country himself and has also spent a good deal of time on the Sound, in talking with the Colonist on the subject of the Northern trade, referred to these three points. He was told that there was absolutely nothing in any of them. The answer he made was: "Then why don't your people set to work and let the people know there is nothing in them?"

With our facilities for buying and selling goods, for transporting them North and with the protection of the tariff, which no doubt will be rigidly enforced next year, the British Columbia cities ought to have almost a monopoly of the Northern trade, if they make their advantages in that direction known by advertising. And let us add, it is not the insertion of an advertisement in a special number of a paper that does the work, but steady advertising from day to day.

## THE YUKON SCANDALS.

Not much has lately been heard about the charges made against the administration of the Yukon, but this affords no ground for supposing that there was no foundation for the grave allegations made. Speaking of the matter some months ago, the Colonist pointed out that the lateness of the season made the possibility of exhaustive investigation so extremely difficult as to be almost impossible before another year. It will be remembered that the assertions that great wrong and injustice were being done to the miners at Klondike by the officials were at first treated with contempt by the government organs. The public were told that all the allegations were the emanations of the minds of discontented aliens, and were magnified far beyond their original importance by the Seattle papers. Thus the necessity for inquiry was denied and the public conscience lulled into indifference during the only period of the year when an investigation was possible. When the complaints reached such a magnitude that they could no longer be ignored, that is when they were taken up by the

London Times, the government organs grudgingly admitted that there might be something that ought to be looked into, and made a great hurrah over the fact that Commissioner Ogilvie was directed to investigate. At the time Mr. Ogilvie went north, the Colonist said that it was preposterous to pretend that a thorough investigation could be made at that period of the year. Most of those who had complaints to make were coming out. Those who remained in the country would, for the most part, have no disposition to quarrel with officialdom seven hundred miles from civilization. Not only one, but many persons, who complained of ill-treatment by officials at Dawson, said to the Colonist that they could not afford to stay in the country all winter for the sake of testifying against wrong-doers. Others said that they had paid for their experience and standing, and were not going to lose it by complaining. The time to have investigated the charges against the officials was last summer, and the man who should have made the investigation was Mr. Sifton. He ought to have gone to Dawson. He ought to have found out from inquiry on the ground what the miners complained of and what grounds there were for complaint. Instead of doing this, he spent the summer in a prolonged holiday in Manitoba, comforting himself with the belief that everything alleged against the maladministration of his department was the invention of discontented aliens. Canadian justice has received a sad black eye by the mismanagement of mining affairs in Dawson.

In this connection the following correspondence is interesting. The deputy minister of the interior wrote to Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper as follows:

Sir,—You are no doubt aware that statements have been made very freely in the press for some months past, imputing the conduct of officials charged with the administration of the affairs of the government in the Yukon district. Some time since a statement signed by certain persons claiming to represent a miners' institute or committee was placed in the hands of the minister of the interior, and thereupon a commission was issued to Mr. William Ogilvie, the commissioner of the district, authorizing him to make an investigation into the truth of the statements made in the complaint, and also to inquire into other complaints that may be made respecting maladministration by officers of the government. It is apprehended that great difficulty will be encountered in making the investigation, by reason of the vagueness of the charges which have been made, and the difficulty of getting information as to any specific acts of wrong-doing, should such have taken place. As a public man resident in British Columbia, it is possible that you have been the recipient of information which would be of value to the department and to Mr. Ogilvie in conducting the said investigation, and I am therefore directed to request that, if you are in possession of any information whatever showing or relating to any specific acts of malfeasance of office on the part of any officer of the government in the Yukon district during the past two years, such information may be forwarded to the department, in order that it may be sent to the commissioner for examination and report.

I have the honor to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
(Sgd) JAMES A. SMART,  
Deputy Minister.

To this the following reply was sent: Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of communication from you, dated the 2nd December, 1898 (M), in which you request me to forward any information I may have "showing or relating to any specific acts of malfeasance on the part of any officer of the government in the Yukon district during the past two years." In order that I may be sent to Mr. William Ogilvie, the commissioner of the Yukon district, who has been authorized to make an investigation into the truth of the statements made in a complaint by certain persons claiming to represent a miners' institute or committee.

In reply, I regret to be obliged to decline placing this information in the hands of Mr. Ogilvie. I do not approve of the plan which the government has seen fit to adopt in appointing the commissioner of the district to make this investigation. In my opinion, the only satisfactory investigation into the condition of affairs in the Yukon district can be under the control of a committee of parliament, or under a thoroughly independent royal commission, which should sit at Ottawa, as well as elsewhere. Your obedient servant,  
(Sgd) CHAS. HIBBERT TUPPER,  
Vancouver, December, 1898.

That Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper has taken the correct course in declining to submit any information in his possession to Mr. Ogilvie, will be admitted by all reasonable people. We would not like to say that the letter of the deputy minister was designed to estop Sir Hibbert from referring to these charges in parliament, but we do say that if he had sent the information in his possession to Mr. Ogilvie, it would have been locked up in Dawson until next June, and having done so, he could not very well bring the several matters up in parliament, for it would be manifestly improper to do so pending an investigation which he himself had asked for.

## EMIGRATING CANADIANS.

While there is not nearly as great an exodus of Canadians to the United States as there was a few years ago, and while the number of those who, having tried their fortunes in that country, are returning home again, is larger than ever, we regret to observe that there is a very considerable movement of population from the Maritime Provinces to the New England cities. Persons who are familiar with the conditions existing in those provinces will understand why this movement should exist, but we do not know that this makes its existence any less regrettable. The large centres of population, such as Boston, New York, Providence, Worcester and other places that could be named, offer so many and such a variety of inducements to young people that there is no reason to wonder that they go there in search of work. Montreal, Toronto and other cities correspond in some degree to the American cities named, but the opportunities for securing employment in them

is limited and the expense of getting to them is much greater. Moreover, most of the young people who "exodus" to the American cities, have friends already there. Some one has described Boston as the capital of the Maritime Provinces, and how true this is can only be understood by those who know the facts. Boston is the nearest large city to the Maritime Provinces, and it is in all respects a great city. Hundreds and thousands of young people born and brought up in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island have gone to Boston in search of a livelihood and done well. Maritime Province people are very much in demand there. Their industry, fidelity, and determination to succeed secure them a preference over the native New Englander. Moreover, there is a steady exodus from New England to the West, and the places of those who leave are filled in a large measure by emigrants from Eastern Canada.

How can this outflowing tide be diverted to the vacant places in our own country? For twenty-five years people have been grappling with this question and it has not as yet been solved. The Conservative government could not solve it and the Liberal government is meeting with no greater success. We submit, however, that if Canada has any money to expend in settling up her vacant territory it would be far better to employ it in keeping these Maritime people at home than in bringing a miscellaneous assortment of people from out of the way corners in Europe into Canada.

One reason why it is difficult to induce the emigrating Canadians to seek points in Western Canada is that generally they are not people who wish to go into farming. As a rule they are the overflow of rural communities, who are tired of country life and want to live in a city. Life on a farm in the Maritime Provinces has many things to recommend it, but it has two features which make it hard for young people to bear. It is monotonous, and there is an absence of any considerable amount of ready cash. The young man, who has spent his life on a farm and hardly ever had more than a dollar at a time that he could call his own, is attracted by the chance to go somewhere and work for wages, that will be paid him every week, and with which he can get something of what he regards as enjoyment out of life. It would be difficult to persuade such people to come west and engage in farming. The only way to induce them to try their lot elsewhere in Canada is to inaugurate extensive public works, which will afford labor at remunerative wages. If the federal government could hit upon such a policy as this, and couple it with a provision by which preference would be given to Canadians, a very large number of young men, who now seek homes in the United States, would be easily persuaded to remain with the Dominion.

A Washington despatch says that the Canadian commissioners are standing very firm in the matter of reciprocity, and will permit the whole conference to be abortive rather than yield on this point. We have felt for some time that the reciprocity question was the one upon which the commissioners were likely to split, but hope no such difficulty will be encountered as will prevent a settlement of the other vexed questions. It would be a very unfortunate thing at this time to have a conference between the two countries fail.

The Times is evidently contemplating an appearance in the field of comic journalism. It issues a notice saying that Alhoni will be full of special detectives this week, seeking out people who will violate the election law. May we ask who is to pay these special detectives? Has the A.-G. discovered what a French lawyer in the East used to call a "claw" in the statute authorizing the government to send out special detectives during bye-elections?

A Berlin despatch says that the Kaiser has concluded that Great Britain is very much in earnest in her course towards France. It is evident enough that the Kaiser is quite right. A point has been reached beyond which the people of the British Empire are not disposed to go in the way of conciliation. The British people desire peace and are willing to sacrifice much to secure it, but they are not prepared to yield every point in order to secure it.

A correspondent asks if the Colonist was not incorrect in giving Mr. McClure credit for the longest speech on record, and if Mr. De Cosmos was not the person who made it. We thought this matter had already been fully explained. Mr. De Cosmos did make a very long speech, but the record-breaker was made by Mr. McClure as stated in Sunday's Colonist.

There is universal sympathy for Mr. R. E. Gosnell in his sad bereavement. Those who enjoyed the pleasure of the late Mrs. Gosnell's acquaintance can form some idea of the nature of the severe blow that has fallen upon him.

There is not much use in speculating upon the result of the election in Alhoni, but the Colonist's advice are very favorable to the return of Mr. Ward.

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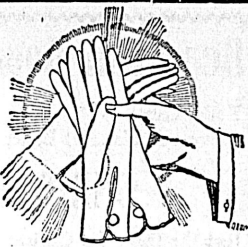


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Election Petition Preliminaries—There was an inspection of the ballots in the Martin vs. Deane election case yesterday, and in the petition against Mr. Brown's election in North Victoria, an order was made, on application of Mr. Prior, on behalf of respondent, for particulars of the alleged corrupt practices.

Overlooked the Cash.—While Mr. Thomas Preece, foreman of the water-works, was at church on Sunday evening, his residence, No. 33 Fernwood road, was forcibly opened, the lock of the front door being broken. Nothing was taken, the burglars overlooking a considerable sum of money that was in the house.

## TO THE CIGAR SMOKERS OF VICTORIA.

In view of all that has been said in reference to the cry of "British Columbia for British Columbians," the cigar-makers of Victoria make this appeal to the public: At the present time there are a large number of idle cigar-makers in the city, and if Eastern goods continue to be shipped here in hundreds of thousands, there will not be 10 cigar-makers here.

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Not Called For.—Many of the invitations for the Battalion ball, now near at hand, which had been issued by request of members of the corps, have not been called for. They are ready, however, and can be obtained now at any time.

Rehearsal Postponed.—The dress rehearsal for the opera, "Prince and the Dancer," has been postponed until Wednesday, the 21st. A rehearsal of the chorus will be held on Thursday evening at 82 North Park street.

Neither Appeared.—Two women, residents of Chatham street, were summoned to attend yesterday's session of the police court, but neither put in an appearance. One of them, Annie Howard, has left the city, and the other, a French woman, having been served on Sunday, did not obey the invitation. A new summons will be issued. Still another woman has been served for tomorrow.

Guests of Mayor Redfern.—The following gentlemen have been invited to line with Mayor Redfern this evening: Aldermen Wilson, Kinsman, Braug, Hall, Humber, Humphreys, Phillips, Williams and McGregor, and Messrs. O. Kent, J. L. Rayner, W. W. Northcott, W. J. Dowler, E. A. Wilmut, H. Gowan, R. Chelchase, Charles H. Lugin and T. L. Graham.

To Extend the Line.—The department of public works, Ottawa, is calling for tenders for the supply of poles for a telegraph line from Alberni to Cape Beale, on the West Coast of the Island, a distance of 38 miles. This line of telegraph, when completed, will be very useful, particularly in cases of shipwreck, and will be easier to keep in repair than the Carmanah line. Tenders must be in by January 10.

The Suit Abandoned.—An action in which interesting developments were anticipated was to have made its appearance in a preliminary stage in chambers yesterday. Dr. R. Morrison, of this city, seeking to recover \$720 from the estate of the late Frederick Kaye, for professional services alleged to have been rendered the deceased during a period of five years. The doctor was to have been cross-examined yesterday by Mr. Frank Higgins as to the details of his account, but withdrew his claim before the examination was called on.

Drowned in a Ditch.—Early Sunday afternoon the body of George Voltz, a cabinet maker, was found in a ditch on Oswego street, his face buried in about five inches of mud and water. Voltz lived in a cabin off Tenders street, and it is presumed that while on his way home before daylight on Sunday morning he fell in the ditch, was unable to get out again, and falling to sleep, was drowned. He was last seen at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning by Constable Conlin, going towards his cabin. The deceased had been a resident of Victoria for many years, formerly working for Weiler Bros, and Mr. Jacob Schell. An inquest will be held to-day.

Death of Mrs. Gossnell.—The death occurred on Sunday evening at St. Joseph's hospital of Mrs. Agnes Theresa Gossnell, wife of Mr. E. Gossnell, late provincial librarian. The immediate cause of death was a critical operation, from which she was unable to rally, having been greatly weakened by a prolonged illness. The deceased lady came to British Columbia nine years ago, and for about five years has been a resident of Victoria. She was born in Hamilton, Ont. 35 years ago, but was educated at the "Ville Marie" convent, Montreal, of which she was the gold medalist of her year, also gaining a gold medal for music. Mrs. Gossnell was a vocalist of rare ability, and until prevented by illness, charmed many audiences with her rich soprano voice. Besides her husband she leaves a little daughter. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, also resided here. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 from the family residence, Pemberton road, and later at St. Andrew's R. C. cathedral.

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Assizes Postponed.—The Raynes shooting case, which came up at the assize court yesterday, was again adjourned until January 16, as some of the important witnesses could not attend.

South Park Won.—South Park school beat the Junior Columbian in the league game of association football played at Beacon hill last Saturday, the score being one to nil. The winning goal was kicked by Andrew George in the last minute of play. The umpire was Mr. W. A. Lorimer.

Merry Dancers at Chemainus.—Fifty or sixty fun-loving young people have to thank Captain and Mrs. J. S. Gibson for a delightful evening of dancing at Chemainus last Saturday, for which the Williams and Shelby orchestra from this city furnished the music. The Captain and Mrs. Gibson have also arranged for a mask ball at Chemainus on the evening of January 12.

Evangelistic Services.—The Gospel hall at 148 Government street is well filled nightly with earnest men and women anxious to do their own spiritual welfare or desirous of doing others good. The meetings are being conducted by Messrs. McClure and McFadyen, the former of whom had charge of similar services last year, and whose plain and forceful exposition of the scriptures cannot fail to impress each and all attending. The services commence at 8 o'clock each evening except Sunday, and then one hour earlier.

On Steel-Shod Feet.—It is not often that Victorians enjoy the good old Eastern delight of ice skating, and the pond at Colwood was in consequence crowded with athletic young people on Sunday last and yesterday, the ice being excellent and the merriment unrestrained. About 200 went from the city by train and by arrangement made for them by the railway company secured free entry to the ice. All others paid 25 cents each, for the pond is on private property and the owner hereinafter in the principle of making hay while the sun shines.

Parcel Post Packages.—A departmental circular issued to all postmasters in Canada relative to parcel post packages, contains the following: "The attention of postmasters is further called to the fact that no parcel can be sent from Canada to any other country by parcel post unless it bears customs declaration setting forth the nature of its contents and its value. As the acceptance by postmaster of a parcel addressed to any other country, and not provided with a customs declaration will result in its being sent to the dead letter office, postmasters are specially directed not to accept such parcels without the customs declaration."

No Confirmation.—None of the latest arrivals from the Northland confirm or place the slightest credence in the sensational report that upwards of a thousand outboard Klondike and Atlin miners are stuck at Tagish lake, unable to get through to the coast on account of the three feet of deep snow. Mr. W. H. T. Olive, who came down three weeks ago, says there were no miners at the lake when he left, while Mr. N. D. Macaulay, who started from White Horse fully a week later than this, reports that all was clear there, and no one looked for from down river points for some weeks. Mr. Olive says there may be twenty or thirty men at Tagish, but no more; and these could have but little difficulty in getting through to connect with the railway at the summit of White Horse. The relay service was all ready for once when he left the North and the first of the miners coming out from Dawson over the ice were looked for at Bennett about the first week in January.

I. O. G. T. Entertainment.—"That Blessed Baby" is the title of a farce presented for the first time in the city at last Saturday evening's entertainment in the Temperance hall. Those taking part were A. Semple, who filled the role of John Thomas, a servant; Miss Mary Wilson, known in the cast as Sarah Ann, a servant girl; Miss Agnes Wilson (Mrs. Lever), Miss Young (a niece of Mrs. Lever); Mr. Andrews (Frank Finnick), a bachelor who had a horror of babies; and F. Dresser (a policeman). The baby was the child of the two servants, and the story of the play hinges on this fact. The play is full of funny incidents which caused sounds of laughter. The entertainment was well patronized. Mr. Dresser presided and there was on the programme in addition to the farce the following numbers: Piano duet,

Miss Semple and Mr. F. Dresser; song, Miss Howell; recitation, Miss Duncan; song, Mr. Hatcher, song, Mrs. Arnall; recitation, Miss Laurey; flute solo, Mr. Dresser; song, Mr. Collins, and address, Mr. Tait.

Open to the Public.—The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women to be held at the City hall to-day will be open to the public. The morning's session will open at 10:30 and the afternoon at 2. Among the subjects to be dealt with in papers are Woman's Work in the Home, the Idea of Citizenship and Women's Interest in Municipal Reform.

Missionary Meeting.—Last evening the Young People's Society of Calvary Baptist church held their regular monthly missionary meeting. Short addresses were given by Mr. M. Cleveland on Mashonaland and Rev. R. W. Trotter on missionary effort. Letters were read from provincial missionary pastors and solos rendered by Miss Squire and Mrs. Baker.

Musical Events.—There was a large attendance at the concert given last evening in the school room of St. John's church under the direction of Mr. A. Longfield. The programme was an exceedingly good one and the audience appreciative. Miss Trotter's recitations were particularly well received, she first giving "Bobby Shaftoe" and in response to an encore the "Auction of Batchelors." Dr. Robertson was also rewarded with an encore, singing in response a popular song, "Leave Me Not" was prettily sung by Miss A. Stoddard and being encored she sang "Carmencita."

Mrs. Belyea also sang very acceptably giving "That Traitor Love." The other numbers on the programme were also well rendered, those taking part, and sharing equal honors being Miss F. Whitaker and Mr. A. Longfield in a piano duet; Capt. Monro, a vocal solo, "The King and I"; Miss Jameson, Mrs. Janion and Mr. Moxon, a trio, "Queen of the Night"; Miss Belyea, Miss R. Stoddard, vocal solo, Miss Hibben, solo, "The Cuckoo Song"; Miss Jameson, "cello solo, "Romance"; Mr. Rochon; violin solo, "Mazurka Rondo"; Miss R. Stoddard; solo, "Oh, Hear the Wild Winds Blow"; Mr. Moxon; solo, "Spring is Here"; Mrs. Anderson and selection by the Douglas Mandolin band. On Sunday evening at 8 o'clock an evening organ recital was given in St. John's church. Those taking part, besides Mr. Longfield, the organist, being Mrs. Belyea and Mr. J. G. Brown in vocal solos, and Mr. Ernest Powell in a violin solo. All were most acceptably rendered.

QUEER DOINGS IN ALBERNI.  
Ballot Boxes for Coming Election Turned Over to an Alien.—The Government's Spies.  
Evidence accumulates that the government realize that they have few friends in Alberni. Simultaneously with the announcement in the local organ that a gang of spies are to be dispatched to the constituency, to make or procure evidence to upset the election of the people's choice, comes a telegram from Alberni, which says: "The ballot boxes for the coming election have been placed in charge of an American citizen for transport to the various polling stations. From appearances the present government do not think there are any British subjects resident in Alberni trustworthy enough for this service."

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There are very few people who are not tortured by what is commonly called "Backache," "Lame Back," "Pain in the Small of the Back," etc.

These are the everyday names for Lumbago, and Lumbago is a severe form of Chronic Rheumatism, which keeps its victims in perpetual misery.

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Lumbago is caused by Uric Acid in the blood. Uric Acid is a poison which the kidneys should filter out of the blood, and which should be expelled from the system in the urine.

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## THE CONTEMPT CASES.

Motion to Commit Manager and Editor of the Colonist Argued in Court.

Point Raised That Mr. Justice Martin's Appointment to the Bench Is Invalid.

There were some interesting features about the argument heard by Mr. Justice Drake yesterday on the motion on behalf of J. D. Prentice, the respondent in the East Lilloet election case to commit for contempt of court W. H. Ellis, manager, and C. H. Lugin, editor of the Colonist. The ground stated in the motion for asking the committal of these gentlemen was that "the said W. H. Ellis and C. H. Lugin while the proceedings in this petition are still pending and while a certain application to strike out the said petition was and is still pending, have been guilty of contempt of this honorable court and for their and each and their contempt of court in writing and publishing in the issues of the Daily Colonist of Saturday, October 22, 1898; Thursday, November 17, 1898, and Tuesday, November 22, 1898, articles commenting upon the proceedings herein and which are and were intended and calculated to scandalize this honorable court and to prejudice or interfere with the fair trial of the petition herein, and which said comments were and are intended by means of calumniating the Honorable Mr. Justice Martin, one of the judges of this honorable court, from hearing or determining any questions arising herein," etc.

Perhaps the most interesting of all the contentions raised by Mr. Gordon Hunter, who appeared for Messrs. Ellis and Lugin, was that the Dominion government had no right to appoint Mr. Justice Martin a judge of the Supreme court, but that the appointment was ultra vires as Mr. Justice Martin is not qualified under the Supreme Court act, being no judge of the Supreme court, he could not sit in the election case and no contempt had been committed.

When Mr. L. P. Duff, who appeared on behalf of the motion, rose to open the proceedings Mr. Justice Drake remarked that it was hardly usual for a motion for contempt of court to come before any judge except the judge who is supposed to be prejudiced. He did not think that Mr. Duff could find any precedent. However, he would hear the case but did not wish to make a precedent of it.

Mr. Duff submitted that as it was a motion in court and not in chambers as one of the Supreme court judges could hear it and Mr. Justice Martin had intimated that he would not do so.

Mr. Justice Drake—Well, go on. Mr. Duff was proceeding to give his reasons why Messrs. Ellis and Lugin should be committed when Mr. Hunter said that he had several objections to raise to the jurisdiction of the plaintiff's status. If the court held the proceedings to be well founded then he would ask for time to put in affidavits.

Mr. Justice Drake remarked that if Mr. Hunter had any preliminary objections now was the time to hear them.

Mr. Hunter held that this was a case of constructive contempt and the court had no power to deal with such in this summary manner, but that the remedy must be by indictment. He quoted a number of cases in support of this contention and quoted from the criminal code as laying down that no one commits contempt of court by making a fair comment on a court exercising judicial authority.

Mr. Justice Drake said that all the articles complained of were not on the same footing to his mind; that in the Colonist of October 22 was a comment in reference to a public appointment while that of November 17 was in reference to cases pending before the court. Mr. Hunter as to the jurisdiction of the court said that while the English Superior court had from time immemorial the inherent right to commit for contempt committed out of court it did not mean that the courts and houses of assembly in the colonies had any inherent right to do the same.

Mr. Justice Drake took the view that the Supreme court of British Columbia represented the Queen just as much as the Court of Queen's Bench in England.

Mr. Hunter argued that proceedings before a judge in chambers in election matters could not be considered a court of record because the statute in reference to this had given a judge sitting in an election trial the status of a court of record, but did not do so as regarded a judge in chambers and it was only a court of record that could punish for contempt in this way. Besides Mr. Justice Martin was not a judge of the Supreme court at all, his appointment by the Dominion government being ultra vires.

Mr. Justice Drake said that this question would have to be settled elsewhere; this court had no jurisdiction to say the Dominion had acted ultra vires in the matter.

Mr. Hunter failed to see that. "What would be the effect of saying it was ultra vires?" asked Mr. Justice Drake. "Would it have the effect of making Mr. Justice Martin step down?"

Mr. Hunter replied that it would have the effect of freeing his clients from the application made to commit them. While the Governor-General-in-council had full power to appoint judges, yet the province had the right to say what the qualification of those judges should be. Section 7 of the Supreme Court act read as follows:

"Any barrister of not less than ten years' standing and who has been in actual practice at the bar of the court for ten years shall be qualified to be appointed a judge of the court."

Mr. Hunter read an affidavit to show that Mr. Martin had been admitted to the bar of the province in 1894 and had been sworn in as judge on September 30 last. The section 7 of the Supreme Court act is or is not intra vires and in a case like this where the liberty of the subject is involved the judge must take cognizance of this. The articles complained of, Mr. Hunter went on to say, had neither attempted to scandalize the Supreme court as a court nor a Supreme court judge as a judge. Besides the proper judge to deal with this was the judge before whom the case had come, the status of a party in the suit to come, and that the court had power to commit for contempt of court.

Mr. Justice Drake decided that the objections raised by Mr. Hunter were not such as to prevent the motion being heard.

Mr. Duff going on with his motion, referred to the fact of the Stoddard v. Prentice election case coming before Mr. Justice Martin on preliminary points and that judgment had not yet been delivered. While this was pending the following article had appeared in the Colonist:

"A JUDICIAL ANOMALY." "The Colonist does not desire to say anything calculated to reflect upon the judiciary of the province, either collectively or individually, but it cannot help thinking that the spectacle just presented of election cases being disposed of by a judge who was an active partisan in the recent contest is not edifying. We are far from desiring to intimate that Judge Martin will not endeavor to disabuse his mind of any political prejudices, or that any decision in any matter which he ought not to have made, or which any judge in the world would not arrive at under the same state of facts and law. The reference is solely to the public aspect of the matter. Judge Martin was a very active partisan during the late election. It is his perfect right to be so. This does not disqualify him in any way from sitting as a judge in the election cases. We mean, of course, legally disqualifying him. But his sitting in that capacity does not produce a good impression upon the public mind, and it would be very much better if he should resign the bench to take such cases. In making this observation, the Colonist repeats that it fully admits that Judge Martin will undoubtedly exercise his judicial functions without any desire to favor either one party or the other."

He could only refer to the particular petition of Stoddard v. Prentice, Mr. Duff argued. It was not a fair and honest criticism of what was taking place in the courts. This article was a contempt of court because it attempted to alter the course of justice. Mr. Justice Martin, who was disposing of the election matter, was told that it was a judicial anomaly and he was appealed to in the article to get another judge to sit. That was an attempt to get him to alter his determination to hear an election petition. It was the highest possible contempt to try and make a judge take a course different to what he otherwise would take.

Mr. Justice Drake remarked that a judge in sitting was always supposed to be the best judge of his own conscience. He did not think that the article would prejudice Mr. Justice Martin's mind. Mr. Duff considered the effect produced immaterial; it was the object he intended that was the offence. It was an attempt by vituperation or at least condemnatory language to alter the course of justice and prevent Mr. Justice Martin from sitting. An attempt to prevent a judge from hearing a case before him was an attempt to prejudice one of the litigants. Accordingly the plaintiff had a status to bring it before the court and the court could deal with it as it thought best.

Mr. Hunter argued in reply that there could only be status where a party bringing contempt to the notice of the court shows that the matter complained of does prejudice his case. It was true that a court could initiate proceedings, but the status of the plaintiff was a different matter. Then the exact language complained of should be set out. There was an entire absence of any affidavit by Prentice, his agent, or even his solicitor. There was not a tittle of evidence of that kind. He did not know if he had a right to say so, but perhaps on Prentice himself did not know of it.

Mr. Justice Drake—If you are successful Mr. Prentice will have to pay the costs.

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## VERY SHORT SESSION

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The B. C. Board of Trade, through Secretary Elworthy, asked for directions as to the distribution of the annual reports of the board purchased by the city. The letter was laid on the table for a week.

Bishop Christie asked permission to remove and make certain alterations to Institute hall, View street. Referred to the fire wardens and building inspector, with power to act.

Mr. T. C. Sorby forwarded a plan of his proposed harbor improvements, and stated that he expected an answer shortly from the federal authorities as to the scheme. It was moved that the letter be received and filed, and Mr. Sorby thanked for the plan.

Ald. Phillips suggested that the council should meet Mr. Sorby and hear what he had to say about the scheme. He moved in amendment that a special meeting be called and Mr. Sorby asked to attend.

Mayor Redfern thought it would be better to leave the matter for the incoming council to deal with.

Ald. Phillips' motion prevailed, and a special meeting will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m.

Mr. J. C. Darling, of the Caledonia bakery, asked for the return of the fine imposed on him in June last for selling bread under weight. He contended that the bread in question was not ordinary bread, but fancy bread or cake, and should be dismissed by Magistrate Belyea and Dalby. Through an error in his evidence not being taken under oath, he had lost his opportunity to appeal. The fine was \$25 and costs \$5.

Ald. Phillips moved, seconded by Ald. Williams, that the question be referred to the mayor and city solicitor to report.

Ald. Humphrey thought it was the city that had been imposed on in the Hughes case. He had spoken to several bakers, all of whom said that the so-called rolls were as a matter of fact ordinary bread.

Ald. MacGregor moved, seconded by Ald. Wilson, that Mr. Darling be informed that the council cannot remit a fine.

Ald. Kinsman said no red tape should be allowed to interfere with justice being done to a man.

Ald. Phillips' motion was carried.

Messrs. James Leigh & Son asked that David street, between Pleasant and Bridge streets, be opened up. Referred to street committee to report.

In reply to Ald. Bragg, Solicitor Mason said no answer had yet been received from the street railway company in connection with the continuation of the car service on Douglas street.

The city engineer reported as follows: To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

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